



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 29, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 21 September 2021

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Prof Sir Geoff Palmer, Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01312—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 September 2021—

after

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Ambulance Service.
6. **A Net Zero Nation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-01293—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Government must do everything in its power to tackle the escalating climate and nature emergencies and deliver a just transition for all; notes the recent UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need for Scotland to advance determinedly to decarbonise homes, buildings, energy, industry and transport, and to restore, protect and enhance the natural environment and its assets; welcomes, therefore, the Scottish Government’s commitments in this area, which include investing at least £1.8 billion in zero carbon buildings during the current parliamentary session, achieving a 20% reduction in car kilometres by 2030 and setting targets for species protection in a nature recovery bill; agrees that the transition to a low-carbon economy and a climate resilient Scotland requires urgent transformational action and must be done in a fair and just way that leaves no one, and no community, behind, and recognises that there are also significant opportunities for Scotland to lead the way globally in finding solutions.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-01293.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01293 in the name of Michael Matheson (A Net Zero Nation), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “expresses concern at the lack of detail and planning on how the Scottish Government will achieve its climate change targets, including delivering a net zero economy by 2045; notes the Scottish Government’s failure to achieve its own climate change targets for the last three years; calls upon the Scottish Government to increase investment in making homes more energy efficient, particularly in supporting homeowners through a Help to Renovate Fund; notes the failure to deliver green manufacturing jobs, and calls upon the Scottish Government to link the transition to increased opportunities for workers in Scotland; calls for the Scottish Government to introduce a Circular Economy Bill; further calls for the Scottish Government to focus on a transition that reduces emissions through rolling out electric and hydrogen vehicles rather than abandoning key road upgrades; calls upon the Scottish Government to introduce a Nature Bill to strengthen environmental protections for land and species, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the costs of the transition to net zero do not fall upon individuals, families and communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-01293.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01293 in the name of Michael Matheson (A Net Zero Nation), insert at end “, and agrees that the Scottish Government should act with urgency to introduce plans for a publicly-owned, not-for-profit energy company, to provide direction and large-scale investment into Scotland’s low-carbon energy sector, which will help create high-skilled, green jobs for workers in Scotland, tackle fuel poverty and reduce costs for consumers in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

**8. Action on Brain Injury in Football:** The Parliament debated S6M-01042 in the name of Michael Marra—That the Parliament understands that an increasing number of ex-footballers in the North East Scotland region and across the country are making public a diagnosis regarding brain injury, and that a growing research base highlights the increased risk of such injury that professional players face; notes the view that the sport’s governing bodies must take swift action to support former players and protect those currently involved in the game; further notes calls for such conditions among footballers to be considered as an industrial injury; recognises the campaigning by PFA Scotland, the GMB and other organisations regarding this, and notes calls for a working group to be established to consider these issues, which should also focus on the grassroots game.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
21 September 2021

**Appendix**  
**(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)**

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 20 September 2021—

Criminal Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 15 September 2021 (SP Paper 14)

**New Subordinate Legislation**

**Made Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/328)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 September 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Company Insolvency Rules Amendment) (Insolvency) 2021 (SSI 2021/324)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2021 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/228** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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